



**SHP TRAIL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**June 16th, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

**Hutton Room, Stratham Municipal Center
10 Bunker Hill Avenue- Stratham, NH 03885**

- I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:03PM.
- II. Roll Call
Committee members in person: Scott Zeller, Seth Hickey, Edie Barker, Greg Blood, Kate Dardinski, Patricia Weideman and Bill McCarthy. Kevin O'Brien called in.
- III. Meeting minutes approved from May 24th by committee.
- IV. Review of Committee Purpose
 - A. Review of Committee Charge
 - B. Review of Key Aspects of Trail Report
 - C. Review of Park/Trail Rules, Covenants, Easements, etc.
- V. Discussion of Format and Content of Interim Report to Select Board
 - A. The park is a resource that needs to be protected for future use.
 - B. We need to get as many stakeholders on board during this process for consensus moving forward.
 - C. The committee focused on breaking the issues into 3 categories:
 - a. Trail Maintenance/Usage
 - b. Rules and Regulations
 - c. Conservation
 - D. Discussion Points:
 - a. The committee has gathered understanding of the various parcels & ownership/easements that comprise the trail system.
 - b. Review of Trail Infrastructure:
 - i. Proper layout using best practices (action item - reach out to experts in the field)
 - ii. We did meet with Lew Shelley to help us best understand the report
 - iii. Create a timeline for what needs to get done in order of complexity/necessity (erosion, drainage, grade, proximity to wetlands, rogue trails, need for proper rain stops/bridges)
 - c. Signage:
 - i. Trail Names, kiosks, prohibitions, on trail markers

- d. Maintenance:
 - i. Written plan, budget
 - e. Data collection (who, when, where, how)
 - i. Can we use counters? (action item - reach out to SPD regarding counters)
 - ii. Visitor surveys?
 - iii. Trail Report is a great resource for infrastructure data
 - f. Conservation:
 - i. The committee agrees in the importance of seeking protection for the parcels within the greater SHP area.
- E. The presentation to Select Board will take place June 21st.

VI. Plan for Community Engagement and Public Forum

The committee agreed that holding a Public Forum sooner vs. later for information gathering is critical.

- A. Date: a preliminary date has been set for August 4th
- B. The committee briefly discussed the structure and format and the group agreed that there may need to be a subcommittee to help with this process.
- C. We discussed the notice requirements and agreed that ample time for notice and getting it out to the community is important and necessary.
- D. The committee presented a timeline of October for sharing possible rules and regulations and December as a possible next date for a public forum.

VII. The next meeting will be held July 21.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned at 7:33PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Dardinski.